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Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)
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	Examiner	Art Unit
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1. This communication is responsive to Amendment after final mailed July 14, 2005.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1,2,4-6 and 8-11.
3. The drawings filed on 14 March 2005 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
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5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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of Biological Material | 8. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance |
| | 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____. |

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

Amendments to the claim have been entered.

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 1-2, 4-6, 8-11 are allowed.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 1-2, 4 and 9 is the inclusion of having a toner image being transferred onto an intermediate transfer body after a toner image of a previous image being entirely formed on the intermediate transfer body where the toner images are formed successively, which is found in all of claims 1-2, 4 and 9 but not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

The primary reason for allowance of claim 5 is the inclusion of a toner image forming position on an intermediate transfer body that is moved on a downstream side in a moving direction of the intermediate transfer body at each of the image forming station where toner images are formed successively, which is found in all of claim 5 but not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

The primary reason for allowance of claims 6, 8, and 10 is the inclusion of having a toner image being transferred onto an intermediate transfer body after a toner image of a previous image being entirely formed on the intermediate transfer body where the toner images are formed

successively, which is found in all of claims 6, 8, 10 but not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

The primary reason for allowance of claim 11 is the inclusion of a toner image forming position on an intermediate transfer body that is moved on an upstream side in a moving direction of the intermediate transfer body so that a distance between a first toner image and a second toner image is larger than the length L_{ab} at each image formation where the toner images are formed successively, which is found in all of claim 11, but not disclosed nor suggested by the prior art of record.

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Lee whose telephone number is 571-272-2846. The examiner can normally be reached on mon-fri 9:00 am-5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Arthur Grimley can be reached on 571-272-2136. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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